

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor milestones in high
4 school sports in the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pinckneyville High School Boys Varsity
6 Basketball Team, the Panthers, won the IHSA Class A Boys
7 Basketball Championship held in the Carver Arena in Peoria,
8 Illinois, on March 10, 2001; and

9 WHEREAS, The Panthers met the challenge by first
10 defeating the Prairie Central Hawks in the quarterfinal game
11 by the score of 71 to 44; they then went on to defeat the
12 Westmont Sentinels in the semifinal game by the score of 77
13 to 61; finally they faced the Pana Panthers in the final
14 game; the Pana Panthers were defeated by a final score of 61
15 to 40, and the Pinckneyville Panthers were going home with
16 the schools third Class A Championship; and

17 WHEREAS, It was fitting that the Panthers faced Pana in
18 the final game; the 2001 State Championship game between
19 Pinckneyville and Pana was a rematch from the 1988 State
20 Championship game in which the Pana Panthers were the
21 victors; this year's Pinckneyville victory exorcised ghosts
22 that had been haunting Pinckneyville since 1988; and

23 WHEREAS, The Panther teams consists of players Danny
24 Siefert, Shane Hoffman, Jason Houghland, Josh Fisher, Kyle
25 Smith, Haven Hicks, Nolan Kellerman, Zach Campbell, Tim
26 Bauersachs, Jon Hicks, Michael McConachie, Darren McCombs,
27 Wesley Epplin, Jordan Sutton, and Cody Majewski; their coach
28 is Dick Corn; and the assistant coaches are Mike Cheek, Wes
29 Choate, and Ryan Bruns; and

30 WHEREAS, The Pinckneyville Panthers basketball team
31 returned to their southern Illinois hometown on March 11,

1 2001 to a hero's welcome; they were greeted home by fans as
2 far away as Nashville as the team bus made its way along
3 Illinois Route 127, where well wishers stood along the
4 highway waving and holding up banners in support of the
5 region's new champions; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate the Panthers, the Pinckneyville High School
9 Boys Varsity Basketball Team, on winning the 2001 IHSA State
10 Class A Basketball Championship; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the principal of Pinckneyville High School, Don
13 Smith, the coach of the Panthers, Dick Corn, the assistant
14 coaches, Mike Cheek, Wes Choate, and Ryan Bruns, and to each
15 member of the 2001 Pinckneyville Panthers Championship team
16 as an expression of our esteem.